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# PROCEEDINGS

CONNECTED WITH THE

**ESTABLISHMENT**

OF THE

# DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN

# PENNSYLVANIA,

AND

**CHARTER OF THE SAME.**



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# PROCEEDINGS.

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At a general meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, held at the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church, on Thursday, April 28th, 1853, in pursuance to public advertisement, "for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing a General Diocesan Missionary Association,"\* on motion of Mr. Herman Cope, the Hon. Geo. M. Stroud was called to the chair, and the Rev. F. S. Wiley appointed Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, the following preamble and resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

Whereas, a large portion of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is destitute of the ministrations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and none of the organizations at present existing, however well intended, attract the confidence and liberality of a considerable portion of the congregations of our communion,—

Resolved, That it is expedient to establish in this Diocese a diocesan missionary organization for the better support of the

\* The notice was as follows, and appeared in the Evening Bulletin on April 26–28, and in the Inquirer on April 27–28, 1853.

"A meeting will be held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, in Eighth Street above Spruce, on Thursday Evening, April 28th, at 8 o'clock, to consider the expediency of establishing a General Diocesan Missionary Society for Pennsylvania."

clergy, for the education of candidates for the ministry, and for the extension of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That it is expedient that in such an organization the whole Diocese should have the opportunity of representation.

Resolved, That to carry these purposes into effect the chairman be requested to convene, at such time and place as he may deem expedient, all persons who shall, within one week from this date, signify their assent, in writing, to these resolutions.

Resolved, That to the said meeting shall be committed, with final power, the adoption of a charter and by-laws, with the fundamental restriction, that all persons contributing as life members, or as annual subscribers, specific sums to be fixed by such charter shall be entitled to vote in the election of managers.

The foregoing proceedings were published at large in the Evening Bulletin of April 30th, in the Inquirer of May 2, 1853, and in the subsequent numbers of the Episcopal Recorder, and of the Register, and notice was in the same papers given, that the resolutions would be deposited in the Episcopal Rooms, No. 146 Walnut Street, for the purpose of being signed.

In obedience to the third resolution, the chairman convened all persons so signifying their assent, at the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, on Thursday, May 5th, 1853, at 8 P. M., when the following charter was adopted.

CHARTER  
OF THE  
DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN PENNSYLVANIA.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this Corporation shall be the "Diocesan Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania."

ARTICLE II.

CORPORATION.

The Corporation shall consist of all Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, signifying their assent in writing, to this Charter and of all persons who shall contribute the sum of three dollars annually or in behalf of whom shall be contributed, thirty dollars at any one time, to the uses of the Corporation, all of whom shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting hereinafter provided for, provided that such annual payment be made at least one month before the time of such annual meeting.

## ARTICLE III.

## OBJECTS.

The objects of this Corporation are, *First*—The extension of missionary effort under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority in said diocese, and the better support of Clergymen.

*Second*.—The education of persons for the ministry.

*Third*.—Such objects incidental to the above, as may tend to the extension of said church.

## ARTICLE IV.

## GOVERNMENT.

The government of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board consisting of a President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and one hundred lay trustees, in addition to all clergymen of the diocese whose congregations by collections or through parochial organization, shall contribute to its funds.

The Bishop of the diocese shall be ex-officio President, and in his absence, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Board shall choose its own temporary President.

The first election of lay trustees shall be held on the evening of the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1854, and thereafter on the evening of the day of the meeting of the Diocesan Convention in each year, and in case of failure to elect on that day the lay trustees whose terms would have expired shall hold over for the term they would have held if on that day duly re-elected. The said lay trustees shall be divided into three classes, the term of office of each of whom shall expire in successive years. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies in their own body. Twenty members shall be a quorum for all ordinary business; but for filling vacancies in their own body,

adding to or establishing Standing Committees, making or altering by-laws, purchasing or selling real estate, or other capital stock of the institution, or contracting any debt over two hundred dollars, except on report of one of the Standing Committees hereinafter provided for, a majority of the whole number shall be a quorum.

The executive action of the Board shall be vested in the following committees:—

*First.*—The Committee on Missions, to consist of five clergymen and five laymen, to whom shall be committed, with final powers, the selection of mission stations and of missionaries, and the determining the amount to be appropriated to the better support of the clergy individually; the drafts of which committee shall be a sufficient warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of money.

*Second.*—The Committee on Education, to consist of five clergymen and five laymen, who shall be charged with the selection and support of persons looking to the ministry; the drafts of which committee shall be a sufficient warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of money.

*Third.*—The Committee on Finance, to consist of five laymen, whose duty it shall be to devise and execute means for the supply of funds, and for their suitable investment, and with the consent of the two committees hereinbefore specified, to transfer or convert such investments, and to direct payment by the Treasurer of current or incidental expenses, not exceeding two hundred dollars for any one purpose. It shall be their duty, also, semi-annually to audit the Treasurer's accounts. Of this committee the Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, a member.

*Fourth.*—Such other committees as the Board may from time to time organize; provided that in no case, by such action, shall the jurisdiction or powers of the first two named committees be invaded, or final powers given to any other committee.

The Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, chairman of the first two of the above committees.

The committees hereinbefore provided for shall be elected by ballot, unless balloting be dispensed with by a vote of two-thirds of the trustees present, at the meeting of the Board next succeeding the annual meeting in each year. They shall continue in office one year; but, on a failure to elect at the meeting of the Board next succeeding the annual meeting, they shall hold over during the current year. They shall fill all vacancies in their own bodies; and in each a majority, exclusive of the *ex-officio* members, shall constitute a quorum.

The Board shall also, at its first meeting after its election, or at such other time as it may appoint, elect a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors be appointed. At the discretion of the Committees on Missions and on Education, a salary may be allowed the Corresponding Secretary, who shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary to the said committees, and, under their directions, conduct their correspondence. In case of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, or Recording Secretary, it shall be temporarily filled by the joint appointment of the three standing committees hereinbefore named, especially convened for the purpose.

## ARTICLE V.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

An annual meeting of the corporation shall be held at the place of meeting of the annual convention of the Diocese, on the evening of the day of its meeting, at which meeting the annual reports of the committees shall be read, and such other exercises had, as the three standing committees, above mentioned, acting jointly, shall prescribe. At this meeting shall be held the election of trustees, as is hereinbefore directed.



## ARTICLE VI.

## AMENDMENTS.

This charter shall not be amended, except at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, held immediately after the annual meeting of the corporators, nor unless notice of the specific amendment be given at the first annual meeting of the Board in the year preceding.

## ARTICLE VII.

## PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

Until the organization of the Board in May, 1854, as hereinbefore provided for, the following shall be the trustees, officers, and committees of the corporation.

## PRESIDENT, EX OFFICIO.

RT. REV. ALONZO POTTER, D. D., L. L. D.

*Trustees Ex Officio.*

To whom shall be added from time to time, all Clergymen falling within the first clause of Article IV.

Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,	Rev. J. G. Maxwell,
“ H. H. Bean,	“ J. J. McElhenny,
“ Archibald Beatty,	“ Alexander McLeod,
“ R. H. Bourne,	“ Edward Meyer,
“ H. Brown,	“ George D. Miles,
“ Levi Bull, D. D.,	“ D. S. Miller,
“ D. W. C. Byllesby,	“ George Mintzer,
“ S. A. Clark,	“ Richard Newton, D. D.,
“ Samuel Clements,	“ S. Nash,
“ J. B. Clemson,	“ Wm. H. Paddock,
“ C. D. Cooper,	“ W. S. Perkins,
“ Thomas B. Flower,	“ G. Lewis Platt,
“ N. E. Cornwall,	“ Charles W. Quick,
“ B. J. Douglass,	“ Samuel Randall,
“ J. M. Douglass,	“ Joel Rudderow,
“ R. B. Duane,	“ Theo. S. Rumney,
“ H. Dyer, D. D.,	“ Nathan Stem,
“ James H. Fowles,	“ W. Bacon Stevens, D. D.,
“ J. G. Furey,	“ William Suddards,
“ Kingston Goddard,	“ Richard Temple,
“ J. B. Goodwin,	“ Charles W. Thompson,
“ G. Emlen Hare, D. D.,	“ Henry Tullidge,
“ N. Sayre Harris,	“ Peter Van Pelt,
“ S. Hazlehurst,	“ J. A. Vaughan, D. D.,
“ M. A. D. Wolfe Howe, D. D.	“ George H. Walsh,
“ William Huckel,	“ Daniel Washburn,
“ Marmaduke Hirst,	“ Wm. E. Webb,
“ George Kirke,	“ H. H. Weld,
“ A. A. Marple,	“ F. S. Wiley,

Rev. T. W. Winchester.

[In case of any of the above Clergymen, or any future clerical Trustee failing to report to the Treasurer collections or contributions, as provided for by Article IV., their names shall be omitted from the roll at the succeeding annual meeting

## LAY TRUSTEES.

*First Class.*—Terms expiring at the annual meeting in 1854.

Thomas Allibone,  
 John Anderson, (Tamaqua.)  
 Franklin Bacon,  
 George R. Barrett, (Clearfield.)  
 Thos. K. Bull, (Warwick, Chester County.)  
 Pierce Butler,  
 J. W. Claghorn,  
 R. Clements, M. D.,  
 A. G. Coffin,  
 William P. Cresson,  
 A. H. Campbell, (Uniontown.)  
 Jacob P. Donaldson,  
 Jas. L. Dunn, (Reading.)  
 Stephen F. Eagle, (Marietta.)  
 Stephen G. Fotherall,  
 John L. Goddard,  
 Reuben C. Hale,  
 Thomas C. Hand,  
 Francis Hoskins,  
 Charles R. King, M. D., (Holmesburg.)  
 Jas. McIlvaine, (Brownsville.)  
 J. Fisher Leaming,  
 W. P. Marshall, (Pittsburg.)  
 And. H. Miller,  
 Edward Olmsted,  
 J. B. Okie.  
 John N. Purviance (Butler.)  
 B. S. Russell, (Towanda.)  
 Andrew Russell, (Pottsville.)  
 William Stavelly, (Centreville.)  
 George M. Stroud,  
 Francis Wharton,  
 Chas. R. Wurts, (Carbondale.)

*Second Class.*—Terms expiring at the annual meeting in 1855.

Lewis R. Ashhurst,  
 Edward C. Biddle,  
 John Bohlen,  
 Levi M. Bond,  
 N. B. Bowman, (Brownsville.)  
 Lewis Brinton, (West Chester.)  
 H. Jones Brooke, (Radnor.)  
 James M. Campbell,  
 Edward Carpenter,  
 John N. Conyngham, (Wilkesbarre.)  
 John C. Cresson,  
 Isaac Davis, M. D., (West Vincent, Chester Co.)  
 John D. George,  
 B. G. Godfrey,  
 Jas. T. Hale, (Bellefonte.)  
 Phineas E. Hamm,  
 Joseph Hodgson, (New London, Chester Co.)  
 J. J. Huckel,  
 B. S. Janney, M. D.,  
 W. P. Johnson, M. D., (Erie.)  
 Joseph H. Kuhns, (Greensburg.)  
 John Larkin, Jr., (Chester.)  
 William McKennan, (Washington.)  
 H. S. Mercur, (Towanda.)  
 A. Miskey,  
 Geo. W. Pearce, (West Chester.)  
 Thomas H. Powers,  
 Thomas Robins,  
 Levi B. Smith, (Centreville, Berks co.)  
 J. E. Stone,  
 H. J. Webb, (Montrose.)  
 William Welsh,  
 Christopher Wetherill,  
 George W. Woodward.

*Third Class.*—Terms expiring at the annual meeting in 1856.

G. W. Aspinwall,  
 Hamilton Alrichs, (Dauphin.)  
 H. L. Bollman, (Pittsburg.)  
 Alexander Brown,  
 F. R. Brunot, (Pittsburg.)  
 Harry Conrad,  
 Jay Cooke,  
 Herman Cope,  
 Samuel N. Davies,  
 Franklin Fell,  
 Robert J. Fisher, (York.)  
 B. W. Frazier,  
 Geo. L. Harrison,  
 Amos G. Henderson, (Pequea.)  
 Joseph H. Hildeburn,  
 Marshall Hill,  
 John W. Kester,  
 Richard H. Lee, (Washington.)  
 Charles E. Lex,  
 Zebulon Locke,  
 Caspar Morris, M. D.,  
 Thomas A. Newhall,  
 Frederick W. Porter,  
 Z. H. Russell, (Honesdale,)  
 R. H. Sayre, (Summit, Carbon County.)  
 Dudley Sharwood, (Phoenixville.)  
 Cornelius Stevenson,  
 R. S. Stotesbury,  
 J. W. Thomas,  
 Charles R. Webb,  
 William Webb,  
 John R. Whitney,  
 William H. Wilson, (Downingtown.)

## COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D. D., *Chairman Ex Officio.*

Rev. W. B. Stevens, D. D.,

“ W. Suddards,

“ M. A. D'Wolfe Howe, D. D.,

“ Richard Newton, D. D.,

“ Charles D. Cooper,

George M. Stroud,

Frederick W. Porter,

John C. Cresson,

John Bohlen,

Reuben C. Hale,

Rev. D. S. Miller, *Secretary.*

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D. D., *Chairman Ex Officio.*

Rev. George E. Hare, D. D.,

“ James H. Fowles,

“ Kingston Goddard,

“ J. G. Maxwell,

“ S. A. Clark,

Herman Cope,

Edward Olmsted,

Benjamin W. Frazier,

Harry Conrad,

Samuel N. Davies,

Rev. D. S. Miller, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Stephen G. Fotterall,  
 Jay Cooke,  
 George L. Harrison,  
 Francis Wharton,  
 John R. Whitney.  
 Edward C. Biddle, *Treasurer*.

TREASURER.

Edward C. Biddle, corner Fifth and Minor sts.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. D. S. Miller, 300 N. 7th st., above Coates.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. F. S. Wiley, Washington near 11th street.







